

## 1 Samuel Study Series

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Week of September 21: 1 Samuel pt. 2 (17:37-18:12)

# GOD IS IN CONTROL



# Observation

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1. Read 1 Samuel 17:37-18:12. What stands out to you in this account?

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2. What questions do you have?

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## Observation: What does it say?

1. What do you notice about the text? Things to look for:
  - repeating words and phrases
  - Answers to the questions: who, what, when, where and how?
  - contrasts and comparisons
  - similes and metaphors (images used in the text)
  - cause and effect relationships
  - details regarding: time, geography, place, people, action in the text
  - grammar
  - larger themes in the passage
  - key words and themes
2. What questions do you have?

## Interpretation

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1. What do verses 37-58 tell us about what David believes about God? What do you think shaped his belief?

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2. Trace the relationship between Saul and David in this passage. What went wrong?

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3. The Hebrew sense of 'love' and 'hate' is not only used regarding emotion but it also has to do with loyalty. Seen in this way, what is the significance of Jonathan's love for David? Why is Saul's attitude so different?

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### Interpretation

The goal here is to answer questions raised by the text and to get at the central message of the passage itself.

What did the text mean for the original audience?

How might you summarize the central point of the passage?

## Application

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1. Is it easy for you to believe that God is ultimately in control? Why or why not?

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2. Where do you see evidence of God's work in your life over this past month?

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## Suggestions for Prayer

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Have each person spend a few minutes writing a list of 10 things they are thankful for from the past couple weeks. These should be as specific as possible.

Spend time thanking God together for these things.